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REMARKS

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1. After the evacuation of Soviet tank troops, the Dachsberg Kaserne, 3 km northwest of the center of the city of Sagan (O 52/B 26) and on the north side of the Sorau (O 52/B 16) road, was first occupied by a Polish tank unit of limited size in February 1949. 25X1 25X1 25X1 this unit prior to the summer of 1950, was brought up at least to regimental size 25X1 25X1 the unit was still stationed at the Dachsberg barracks at that time. Except for some who still wore khaki blouses with stand-up collars, the members of the unit wore blue-gray uniforms. Polish-born Major Sadowski, (fnu), of Warszawa, who was the commander of the tank unit prior to the summer of 1949, was transferred to Bunzlau (O 52/B 42) in the summer of 1949. 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 25X1 This successor, as commander of the unit, was a Soviet officer who wore a Polish uniform. Prior to February 1951, a Polish major, who was referred to by the Poles as a quartermaster officer, frequently inspected the barracks installation and checked on meals. He had his office in Breslau (B 52/C 41). Civil craftsmen employed at the barracks installations were subordinate to Senior Lieutenant Oshanowski, (phonetic spelling), (fnu), who was labor officer and had an apartment on former Wiesen Strasse in Sorau. The Polish unit was equipped with T-34/85 tanks, JS tanks and SP guns of Model ISU 122, which had the white Polish-eagle emblem on the turret or the side of the superstructure. The armored vehicles were kept in the garages in the north section of the barracks installation and in other sheds in the woods north of the barracks installation.[1] The unit was supplied with fuel from the Niederullersdorf (O 52/B 15) fuel depot, which also supplied fuel to Soviet units stationed at Sagan-Kuepper airfield. the Polish tank troops received summer training in the Zuellichau (P 53/W 41) and Gruenberg (O 52/B 39) area in 1949 and 1950 and, in 1950, returned from the maneuvers together with a motorized artillery unit and motorized infantry units. 25X1 25X1 the infantry units were stationed at Sorau.[2]

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2. After the conclusion of the summer maneuvers in 1950, the vacant former Artillery Barracks on the west side of Bahnhof Strasse, was occupied by a Polish motorized artillery unit. The installation, which had been badly damaged, was reconditioned after the war, except some buildings not yet reconstructed by early 1951. The soldiers of the unit wore normal khaki uniforms. After the death of the commander of this unit in 1950, his body was transported to the USSR. The unit had guns of 100 to 150 mm, which were towed by trucks [redacted] 25X1
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25X1 3. [redacted] a state construction company in Sagan was ordered to give an estimate for the conversion of the former castle of the dukes in Sagan into a Polish military school.

4. Prior to early February 1951, a small Soviet military telephone station was in an apartment house on the south side of former Rochusweg. Prior to late 1950, members of the Soviet Air Force who belonged to a unit stationed at Sagan-Kuepper airfield were taken to the municipal hospital. [redacted] 25X1 25X1

[redacted]

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. The present report supplements and corrects the statements 25X1 of previous reports [redacted]. It is believed that the unit is a tank regiment of the 11th Mecz Div in Sorau. [redacted]
25X1 [redacted]

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. It is fairly definitely believed that these units also belong to the 11th Mecz Div. [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted] a motorized artillery unit of about battalion size, which was presumably equipped with 122-mm howitzers, in the former Artillery Barracks. [redacted] 25X1
25X1 [redacted]

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